



COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE



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March 8, 2012

TO: Board of Supervisors – Justice Deputies

FROM: Mark Delgado, Executive Director
Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee – Opposition to
Governor's Proposed Juvenile Justice Realignment

On March 6, 2012, Supervisor Antonovich read in a joint motion with Supervisor Knabe related to the Governor's juvenile justice realignment proposal. The motion – for placement on the March 13, 2012 agenda – seeks a five-signature letter from the Board opposing the Governor's budget proposal to end all in-take of new juvenile offenders to the Division of Juvenile Justice effective January 1, 2013 (see attached Board motion).

On February 1 and March 7, 2012, the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee discussed the Governor's juvenile justice realignment proposal and its potential impact on the justice system and juveniles facing criminal charges. Following discussion of the issue, the Committee passed a motion to oppose the juvenile justice realignment proposal. Among the key concerns expressed were:

- the County does not have proper facilities to house this population
- direct filings on juveniles (charging juveniles in the adult criminal court system) would be expected to increase statewide
- additional direct filings would strain both state and local justice system resources
- housing this population would incur not only custody costs, but also costs for medical care, dental care, liability, and other potential issues

Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Chair of CCJCC, requested that I advise your offices of the Committee's position. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers or me at (213) 974-8398.

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
BOS Executive Office
Chief Probation Officer

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH AND
SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

MARCH 6, 2012

The State's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is responsible for housing high risk juvenile offenders who have been convicted of sex offenses as well as serious or violent crimes. This population requires intensive supervision and costly treatment services and has failed all available local remedies. Over the course of the past decade, the population of DJJ has incrementally declined as more and more youth were shifted to counties for detention in Probation camps. Through those efforts, DJJ's population has dropped to approximately 1,200 in recent years, leaving only the worst of the worst offenders in its custody.

The Governor's budget proposes to end all in-take of new juvenile offenders to the DJJ effective January 1, 2013. All juvenile offenders committed to DJJ prior to January 1, 2013 will continue to serve their commitment at one of the DJJ facilities which will gradually close as populations drop. Stopping in-take of this high risk population was contemplated in the initial planning stages of Public Safety Realignment but was abandoned.

This proposal poses grave concerns to counties statewide because counties do not have the appropriate facilities or treatment programs to adequately supervise and treat this population. Consequently, these offenders will likely end up getting sentenced to state prison. This presents a lose-lose situation for the counties and the juvenile offenders which must be aggressively opposed by all 58 counties.

MOTION

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| RIDLEY-THOMAS | _____ |
| KNABE | _____ |
| ANTONOVICH | _____ |
| YAROSLAVSKY | _____ |

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Send a five-signature letter to the Governor and Legislature expressing strong opposition to the Governor's budget proposal to end all in-take of new juvenile offenders to the Division of Juvenile Justice effective January 1, 2013 and the county's willingness to work with the state on exploring other alternatives; and,
2. Send a five-signature letter to California State Association of Counties urging them to send a similar letter to the Governor and State Legislature.

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